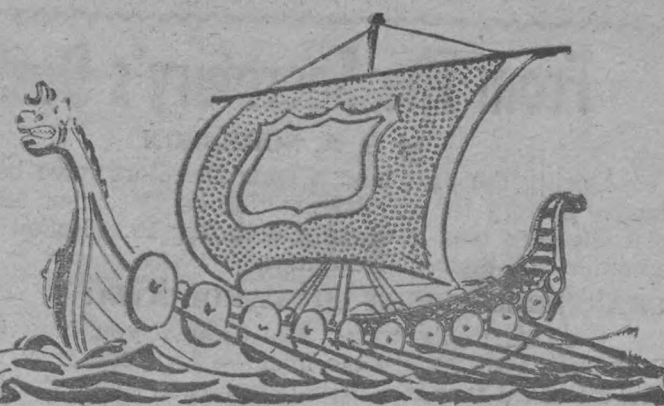


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TRIBUTE AND CHALLENGE

January 12th will be the first installation of its kind to be held in the Sons of Norway Lodge in Edmonton. The installing officer will install the officers of Solglyt Lodge and the Sunray Jr. Lodge at a formal installation ceremony to be held in the dining room of the Masonic Temple. Following the installation, members will enjoy a social buffet.

"PRELUDE"—DECEMBER 8

The spirit of friendship prevailed during this members' social evening which was a prelude to the Yuletide season.

The Board of Directors and officers of the Lodge were elected for the 1962 term. Those elected will be installed when the Lodge convenes on January 12th.

The hostess for the social hour was Mrs. N. Nilsen. Under her direction Yuletide decorations centered the tables, with herring and ham being the highlight of the luncheon.

Dancing followed to the lively music of Jimmy MacDonald, Mrs. K. Lubbers and Mrs. L. Taylor.

A "BEFORE CHRISTMAS FEST"—DECEMBER 16

Members and friends of Solglyt Lodge and Sunray Jr. Lodge together welcomed Santa Claus and Christmas on December 16th in the dining room of the Sunray Lodge. The program, directed by Mrs. K. Svidal, presented a Christmas Cantata as well as individual numbers by little Brenda Sivertsen, Jon Eric Borgerson, John McGinnis, Anita Searle, Ken Storheim and Gordon Storheim.

Mr. Gary Johnson was master of ceremonies.

Following the concert Mrs. F.

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DANIA (Danish Society)

Dania Gymnastic Club wishes to express the deepest sympathy to Mrs. B. Petersen on the death of her beloved husband, Mr. Erling Petersen.

We, with Dania Soccer Club, regret the loss of their very capable president. We know he will be difficult to replace, but hope that the work he started will carry on in the years to come.

At New Year's we usually all in one or more ways. As the year promise to try to better ourselves, goes by, our resolutions fade, and in some instances by the end of the year they have disappeared completely, and we start all over again.

Let us suggest that this year you include in your promises doing something about your physical fitness, and start right now by joining us in gymnastic exercises. It is as easy as taking up your phone and calling Borge at GE 9-4174 or Helge at HU 9-5749 for information. We need YOU at the gym.

We were forced to give up the idea of displays at Home and School meetings for the time being as very few communities have meetings in December, and the few that there were had already made other arrangements. We also found that January displays would not serve our purpose of getting more members for the remainder of the season.

TV displays took place before the end of December on CFRN's "Sport Beat." It was not handled in quite the way we wished — while we wanted to emphasize keep-fit gymnastics for everyone, the TV station wanted us to show the more spectacular exercises. We are afraid that because of the way in

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Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549

Skandia Lodge No. 549 held their last meeting for 1961 on December 2nd at the I.O.O.F. Temple.

A report on the social evening for the old timers was given. At the last minute it was decided to have Bud Holmgren show slides on their trip to Sweden and other countries. A short program followed, and then a tasty lunch was served by the dance team. Mrs. Ida Pearson and Mrs. Sven Erickson won the flowers.

The following officers were elected for 1962: Chairman, Sig Johnson; Vice-chairman, Harold Markstrom; Secretary, Elsie Simmons; Vice-secretary, Evelyn Johnson; Financial Secretary, Linnea Lodge; Vice-Financial Secretary, Verna Kvarnberg; Treasurer, Don Johnson; Chaplain, Gertrude Holmgren; Master of Ceremonies, Peter Johnson; Assistant Master of Ceremonies, Ray Nyroos; Outer Guard, Magnus Pearson; Inner Guard, Ernest Westling; and Trustee, Helga Johnson.

Skandia Lodge will purchase a tape recorder to be used by any group in the lodge.

Sheila Ogren was elected as Vasa candidate to run for Queen on Scandinavian night January 20th. Be sure and buy a ticket for our candidate.

Lunch followed the meeting and dancing was enjoyed until midnight.

The next meeting will be held January 6th when installation of officers will take place. There will be dancing from 9:00 to 12:00. Come and bring your friends to enjoy a friendly evening.

W.A. COFFEE PARTY

Despite the very cold weather, quite a few attended the coffee party at the Bay. Harry Modin won the blanket; Harold Markstrom won a

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Finnish Society

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Finnish Society will be held January 14th, commencing at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rama, 9213-97 Street. Elections will be held and many other important items will be on the agenda. Everyone is urged to attend. You may be elected for one of the officers, so why miss the chance. Don't forge the date—Jan. 14th.

The monthly dance of the Finnish Society will be held at the McCauley Hall January 5th, at 8:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome.

The Children's Christmas Party
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Icelandic Society

Mr. Bill Halldorson spent five days in Toronto recently at the managers' convention of the Office Specialty Manufacturing Co.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Thorvaldson as newcomers who are making their home in Edmonton. They have taken up residence at 4815-106A Avenue with their three children, Shirley, Gary and Cindy. Mr. Thorvaldson is with the Canadian National Telegraphs, and he originally hailed from Oak Point, Manitoba.

A merry time was had by all who braved the sub-zero weather and attended the Family Christmas Party.

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8th ANNUAL

SCANDINAVIAN NIGHT SATURDAY --- January 20

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+ EDITORIAL +

From The Secretary's Desk

by S. A. SORENSON

During the past month your Directors have been very busy. Besides the regular meeting on December 12, a Special Meeting was held on December 19. Following is a summary of their deliberations.

CHARTERED FLIGHT TO SCANDINAVIA!

Yes, it's really true- For \$330.00 you may travel to Scandinavia by luxury air liner — for your 1962 vacation. The standard fare is a little better than \$700; thus you can save \$370 or better. For 86 passengers this would mean a total saving of over \$31,820. And this is all made possible through that magic word "CO-OPERATION." If you are planning such a trip, be sure to contact Hans Kristensen or Harold Markstrom of the "Chartered Flight to Scandinavia Committee," NOW. (See specimen contract elsewhere in this paper.)

ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN NIGHT — JANUARY 20, 1961 Queen Contest

Yes, the five queens have been chosen. (See their pictures elsewhere in the paper). All that remains is to see who will become THE SCANDINAVIAN QUEEN OF 1962. This in turn depends on how hard the membership committees work for their Queen. So get your tickets early! To count as a vote for your favourite Queen you must buy your ticket by noon on January 20th... Our Ticket Chairman, O. S. Franzen, says that all ticket stubs (votes) must be in by 12:00 noon on January 20th. Ticket sales are on a handicap basis, so all five national groups have equal opportunity to elect their queen — The Scandinavian Queen of 1962.

Don't forget to see Scandipades, 1962 Edition — presented by the Cultural Activities Committee under the direction of K. L. Svidal at the Jubilee Auditorium. In addition there will be dancing to your favourite Scandinavian tunes in the Social Room, while the teen-agers frolic to Rock-and-Roll music in the Club Room. Coffee and Scandinavian delicacies will be served during the evening. Here, too, you will meet your friends from almost any part of northern Alberta.

So get your tickets now, and join in this big annual festival!

THE SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

Letters and telephone calls indicate the tremendous popularity of the "NEWS". Some ask — "How much do I owe for the paper?" Such a question is most heartening at this time, when the paper is operating at a substantial deficit. It is causing the Directors much concern, with discussions which last till well after midnight. MORE ADVERTISING is the key to the financial success of the paper. This advertising is available; what we need is an aggressive advertising manager. Can YOU help us?

WHAT ABOUT OUR FUTURE SCANDINAVIAN HOME?

This is perhaps the most frustrating question to the Board of Directors at this time. Negotiations are still continuing for the Holy Cross School. Approval in principal has been given to the city lease at 142 Street. Whither shall we go?

Several Directors have expressed the view that if we chose to build at 142 Street, we should do so on a pay-as-you-go basis. Furthermore, it is felt that much can be saved by the use of volunteer labour receiving pay in shares. Here again "CO-OPERATION" could save thousands of dollars.

Our Board of Directors wish all the shareholders and readers of this paper A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

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MR. AND MRS. BENNSTROM

On December 18th St. Joseph's Chapel was the scene of the wedding of Miss Marie Therese Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of England, and Mr. Bjorn H. Bennstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennstrom of Sweden.

The Reverend Father Dobbin performed the double-ring ceremony, and the bride was given in marriage by Mr. H. Kobie.

For her wedding the bride chose a floor-length gown of white velvet styled in princess lines. A chapel veil was held in place by a crown of white stephanotis, and she carried a nosegay of yellow roses and blue stephanotis. Miss Valerie Campbell was bridesmaid, while Mr. Lennart Petersson attended the groom.

A reception followed at the Blue Danube.

Following their honeymoon the bride and groom will take up residence in Corvallis, Oregon, where the groom is attending university.

8th Annual Scandinavian Night

Each year the directors and those in charge of Edmonton's largest Scandinavian presentation try to do better than the year before. This year's Stage Show, "Scandipades 1962" will have as its finale the presentation of five Queen contestants representing each of the five Scandinavian groups, and the crowning of the Scandinavian

Queen who will be selected by the results of ticket sales.

Scandipades starts at 8:00 p.m. in the main auditorium and will run until 10:00 p.m., with an intermission at 9:00 p.m. For those who wish to start dancing at 9:00 p.m., a Scandinavian Band directed by Carl Elgstrann and Lilly Taylor will be playing in the Social Rooms. The Rock 'n Roll dance will also begin at 9:00 p.m. in the Club Room, with "The Knight's orchestra in attendance.

A delightful lunch and excellent coffee will be available in the downstairs foyer.

This will be a big night, and we look forward to seeing you and your friends with us.

Preserve Swedish Dialects

Old Swedish dialects in the United States will be recorded on tape and preserved for posterity. Dr. Dag Stromback, professor at the University of Upsala, has received a grant of 12,000 kronor for this purpose from the King Gustaf VI Adolf Fund. "In America," he observes, "there still exist quaint old Swedish dialects that long since have disappeared in our own country. These 'frozen' idioms are almost identical with local dialects in nineteenth-century Sweden, and they are of great interest from linguistic and historical viewpoints. Old pioneer traditions and memories concerning the first Swedish settlements in America will also be recorded."

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Vasa Lutfisk Supper At Lethbridge

On December 2nd we had the opportunity to accompany a group of Calgary members of Branting Lodge No. 417 to Lethbridge. The invitation to join this party of 40 young and old, high-spirited Scandinavians on a chartered bus resulted in a very much appreciated and very enlightening trip.

We left Calgary on Saturday at 1:30 p.m., stopping to stretch and have a cup of coffee at Claresholm. We arrived in Lethbridge just in time for the first serving of Lutfisk.

The tables and hall were gaily decorated for the coming festive season, with a table specially reserved for the Calgary members. The Lethbridge ladies attending the tables provided a truly decorative effect in their white dresses, Christmas corsages, and festive aprons.

The name "Scandinavian Hall" on the building took us by surprise, proving our limited knowledge of activities of our people in different parts of Alberta. We were told that the hall was built three years ago through the combined efforts of the members of Lethbridge Lodge No. 579, Vasa Order of America. This lovely building, accomplished through successful co-operation, brought many interesting, as well as sad, thoughts to our minds, thinking especially of Edmonton, our own city. The capacity of the building is estimated at 500, with dining, kitchen and washroom facilities on the lower floor. Satisfied smiles were in evidence as Lethbridge members related their experiences in promoting the Scandinavian Hall.

An evening of dancing followed the enjoyable supper, which ended with a midnight lunch. Our bus departed for Calgary at 12:40 a.m., bringing us all back, a bit tired, but well satisfied.

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Sons Of Norway

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Jacobsen led the singing around the Christmas tree.

Among those contributing to the success of the evening were Mrs. N. Mjaatveit and Mr. C. Rikstad. A delightful Christmas lunch was served by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

FOLK DANCING

Mrs. M. MacDonald invites all interested persons to attend the first meeting of the Folk Dancers on January 5th at 8:00 p.m. in the Masonic Temple Clubrooms. Special attention is given to juniors who are showing a great deal of enthusiasm.

BOWLING BY-LINE

Secretary Mrs. R. Logan reports that the first half of the bowling season has ended with success and enthusiasm.

The standings are as follows: Women's High Single, Irene Lagergren, 357; Women's High Triple, Edel Jacobsen, 713; Men's High Single, Norman Nilsen, 345; Men's High Triple, Norman Nilsen, 772; High Team, Andy Mjaatveit's Norsemen.

Mrs. R. Arntzen is enjoying a month's visit with grandchildren in Vancouver.

Dr. and Mrs. B. Fleuty and their young daughter, Crystal, are holidaying in Los Angeles. Among the plans for their month-long motor trip to Los Angeles were visits to Mrs. Fleuty's sister, Shirley, and cousin, Mrs. W. Herman.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hans Kristensen on the birth of a son. Paul Wayne arrived on December 11th at the University Hospital.

The Christmas season this year has been very special for Mr. Leiv Aasgard, who was permitted to spend one week at home with his family. Mr. Aasgard is a patient of the Aberhart Memorial Hospital.

An expression of sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. C. Rikstad on the loss of their uncle, Mr. C. Hagen.

Mrs. M. Svidal of Coronation is visiting at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Svidal.

ANITA FOR QUEEN!

Let's all do our best by selling tickets for Annual Scandinavian Night. The tickets sold by Sons of Norway members will help our Queen candidate to be crowned. REMEMBER—ANITA SEARLE FOR QUEEN.

Finnish Society

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was held at the McCauley Hall December 10th, at 2:00 p.m. Santa Claus made his appearance during the afternoon party with many gifts for everyone. A good time was had by all.

Here is just a short reminder about the sewing-circle which will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Vesalainen, 11921-48th Street. Everyone is most welcome!

Birthday greetings go to Mrs. L.

Vasa Lodge

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rug; and Rochelle Storvick of Killam won a rug also.

The ladies wish to thank all those who helped to make the event a success as well as all those who came to have coffee and lunch in such cold weather.

HELGA HOVING "CONTEST WINNER"

Thelma Ling, member of young Vikings No. 148 and daughter of Mrs. Thelma Long, Supervisor of Children's Club in Calgary, came tenth in an essay in the Helga Hoving Contest of V.O.A. A cheque for \$4.00 will be presented to her on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Excitement once again ran high as the children got ready to perform for their parents and friends. Many of the children were gaily dressed in traditional Swedish costumes representing the different provinces of Sweden.

The leader, Raul Nyroos, introduced Mrs. Margaret Eliasson, District Children's Supervisor, as master of ceremonies. Grey Johnson started the program with a lively accordian solo. Songs, skits, and a pageant, were very well portrayed by the children, getting everyone in the spirit of the festive season ahead.

Throughout the program Mrs. Eliasson told the story of Christmas as it is celebrated in Sweden. Mrs. Inga Shaw once again accompanied the children by playing the piano.

A tasty lunch was served, and the dance team started dancing around the Christmas tree. Gradually everyone caught the mood and by the time Santa arrived everyone was dancing around the tree. Santa gave all the children a Christmas bag which the children all appreciated.

The January meeting for Ladies' Aid will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Modin, 10507-79 Avenue, on January 17, at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Harold Markstrom recently shot a 110-lb. timber wolf west of Rocky Mountain House. It is believed to be the largest ever killed. Markstrom's new phone number is 474-4718.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Simmons have their son and daughter-in-law and two grandchildren from Uranium City, Sask., with them for the Christmas holidays.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs.

Vesalainen and Mrs. E. Luhtala who will be celebrating their birthday's in January.

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Icelandic Society

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held in the delightful setting of the Construction Club on 116 Street.

Santa Claus arrived to cheer the small fry, and to remember each person present with a gaily wrapped gift. Music was provided by Mrs. Gus Roland and Mr. Victor Maxson for the singing of carols. Birthday wishes were sung to Mrs. Edna Garrett and Mr. Carl Olafson. It was announced that Mr. and Mrs. Olafson's daughter, Joan, will represent the Icelandic Society in the Queen Contest at the mid-winter concert in January. Support for the Queen is given by purchase of tickets for the concert, so all readers are asked to boost our candidate and enjoy the program at the same time. Joan will be 15 years old on the same date.

Credit for the smooth progress of the Family Party must be given to Mrs. Margaret Cameron and her enterprising committee. It is to be hoped that this form of pleasure becomes an annual affair.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Robertson spent four days over the Christmas holiday with relatives at the Pacific coast.

A very cheerful greeting card has arrived from Metz, France, with cordial good wishes for the editor and staff of the "News." Mrs. Bertha Parker, who is accompanying her daughter and husband, F/L W. A. Morrison and Mrs. Morrison, who are with the No. 1 Air Division H.Q., RCAF, Canadian Armed Forces, writes glowingly of the many motor trips they have been able to arrange while near so many historical and scenic spots in Europe.

Erling Winqvist on the birth of a daughter on November 25th.

Mrs. Ellen Westling, Geraldine Johnson, Helen Ryley and Martha Dahl have been patients in the hospital.

A nostalgic note as Christmas time was approaching evidences the place a local newspaper can have when one is far removed from familiar homesites, and to show her appreciation Mrs. Parker enclosed a nice donation for the support of the paper, for which we express our sincere thanks.

We regret to report several hospital cases among our members. Mrs. W. C. McNaughton, now home from hospital; Mrs. Lena Benedictson, a patient in the Royal Alex Hospital; Mrs. G. O. Gislason, undergoing further eye treatment at the General Hospital; and Mr. H. M. Sumaridason in the Misericordia Hospital.

Mr. Joe Hallgrimson and family left for Culbertson, Montana, recently where he is employed in the garage business. He is a brother of Mr. Grenier of Edmonton, and Mrs. Grenier of Alberta Beach. We wish him success in his new venture.

To Test New Fluorine Solution

A team of Norwegian scientists at Oslo University's Odontological Research Institute has developed a fluorine solution which in laboratory tests has proved more effective than sodium fluoride as a means of retarding tooth decay. Stanni-fluoride, a solution of tin and fluorine, is superior to U.S. developed stanno-fluoride.

The result of a 5-year research project, which has received financial assistance from the U.S. Public Health Service, Stanni-fluoride will soon be orally tested on some 10,000 children in Oslo, in co-operation with the School Dental Service.

According to doctors B. Nygaard Ostby and Tormod Morch, leaders of the Norwegian research team, Stanni-fluoride is an absolutely harmless solution that can safely be applied by dental assistants. Brushed on teeth every six months it provides a more practical method

Statement On Kekkonen Comment

Commerce Minister Arne Skaug, presently acting Premier and Foreign Minister, this week commented on the critical remarks which Finnish President Urho K. Kekkonen has made about West German Defense Minister Franz-Josef Strauss' official visit to Norway. The nature of Mr. Strauss' visit, Mr. Skaug stated, has been repeatedly explained, most recently by Foreign Minister Halvard Lange.

Mr. Skaug said the West German Defense Minister came to Norway on a return visit. This was agreed on a long time ago, without any connection with current developments. There were no negotiations whatsoever on political or strategic questions during Mr. Strauss' stay in Norway.

Foreign Minister Lange, before leaving Oslo on an official visit to the Soviet Union, denied the Soviet allegation that closer military ties between West Germany and Norway had aggravated tension in Northern Europe. He told reporters that nothing had happened lately to change the situation.

of increasing resistance to decay. Regular application of Stanni-fluoride could cut school dental service costs by at least 25 per cent. But this would not eliminate the need for brushing teeth after each meal.

Wise men believe nothing that contradicts their intelligence.

Erik S. Lefsrud

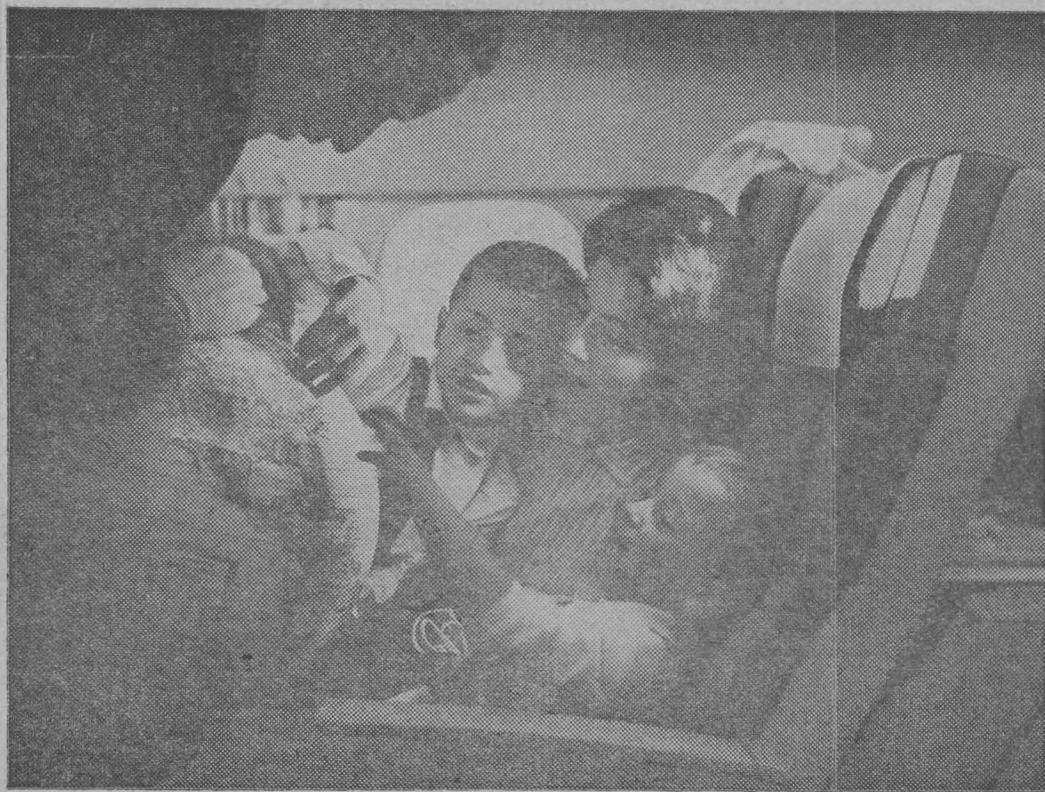
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1961 With Vasa Lodge Skandia

The past year was a busy and fruitful one for members of Vasa Lodge Skandia. The regular meetings were well attended and lively interest in all phases of lodge business was displayed. Lunches were provided by committees of lady members, and the attendance and enthusiasm at the dances showed considerable improvement over previous years.

The drill team officiated at the regular installations during the year. Twenty-two new members were initiated in 1961 bringing the enrollment to 241. The lodge was saddened by the death of three of its members.

January saw the ceremony of installation of officers, and in February the 25-year pins were presented to five members.

The men entertained with a short program before the dance at the May meeting.

In June the interest of many of the members was transferred to Vasa Park at Pigeon Lake. The first of four summer meetings was held at Skandia Inn, and the annual picnic was a happy event of the season.

Children's week was the highlight for July, when a record number of Vasa youngsters from three local lodges enjoyed the pleasures of the outdoors at the lake.

The annual smorgasbord was the big event in October, when close to 700 people enjoyed an evening of good food, program and dancing at the Masonic Temple.

In November the first of a series of senior members' social evenings was held when a film of Sweden, a program and lunch, provided entertainment for an enthusiastic gathering.

The December event was the Christmas party when the Children's Club provided a program. Lunch was served by dancing around the Christmas tree.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary has now reached the end of another active year. Eight regular meetings were held in the homes of members, being pleasantly entertained by the following sisters: Helen Anderson; Alice Johnson; Hansine Pierre; Ida Enger; Marha Kay; Evelyn Modin; Milda Beckstrom; and Irma McMaster. Flowers were bought for several sick sisters, and sums of money were donated to: Crippled Children's Fund; Mental Health; Cancer; Heart Fund; Marion Centre; and Lutheran Ladies' Aid. The Auxiliary pledged to buy 10 more shares in the Scandinavian Centre.

In March the annual Pot Luck Supper was sponsored, and a successful Strawberry Tea was held at Vasa Park in July, as well as a Chicken Dinner in September.

Nabob coupons were collected and turned in for a lovely 75-cup electric coffee maker, and Swifts' labels were saved for some cooking utensils for Skandia Inn.

The ladies planned the foods for the annual smorgasbord, and the year ended with the sponsoring of a coffee party and bazaar at the Hudson's Bay auditorium on December 11th.

Flowers and gifts were distributed to sick members and friends at Christmas time. The ladies also gave Christmas bags for the children's Christmas Party. All in all, the ladies had a good time making and spending their money.

VASA BOWLING

Six teams got off to a flying start in September with bowling at the Windsor Bowl. Leading bowlers at



FLAGS FLY FOR UN WEEK. During United Nations Week in November, the UN Association held open house at the Hudson's Bay auditorium, mounted the flags of the nations and showed a poster of UN work. Twenty-eight organizations and representatives of ethnic groups in Edmonton, assisted at the event at which Mrs. W. S. Scarth and Mrs. Robert E. McLaughlin, conveners, are pictured.

the time of writing: Charlotte Samuelson, high single, 316; high triple, 688; Gordon Pearson, high single, 289; Glen Eliasson, high triple, 688.

Of the first half, Swedes are in first place. A turkey bowl was held December 15th with Nellie Anderson, Eric Engvall, Glen Eliasson and Magnus Pearson taking home the "bacon".

CHILDREN'S CLUB

The Children's Club, Forget-Me-Not had a good year. There were nine new members in 1961, making a total of 26 members. Pauline Johnson joined the adult lodge.

In January a sleigh-riding party was held, with everyone thoroughly enjoying the event.

The children entertained the mothers and members on Mother's Day. In July they had a wonderful week at Vasa Park. In December they put on a Christmas program, and later in the afternoon were visited by Santa and given Christmas treats.

SICK COMMITTEE

The six members of the Visiting Committee visited, distributed gifts and flowers, and consoled 13 ladies and 14 men in hospitals, and the patients' homes, during the year.

LAND COMMITTEE

1961 was a very busy year in Vasa Park, Pigeon Lake. Our members took full advantage of the beautiful summer to spend their weekends and vacations there.

The levelling off of the playground was completed—that is where our picnics and outdoor activities will be held in the future.

A second road was built opening up more lots on the third row, so there should not be any shortage of lots for a few years to come.

Four cottages were added this year, making a total of 35 plus the clubhouse.

VASA FOLK DANCE TEAM

The year 1961 was a busy year for the Vasa dance team. The group participated at nine social activities, swinging through their national folk dances to everyone's enjoyment.

Places and times were: Scandinavian in January — Citizenship Council's 10th Anniversary program May 17 — Ukrainian Festival, May 20 at Jubilee Auditorium — Half-hour program at Edmonton Exhibition for CFRN Radio — Scandinavian Picnic in July at Elk Island — the Vasa Smorgasbord in October — Social evening for the Old Timers in November — The Christmas Tree in December.

The folk dancers are: Kenneth Petterson, Carol Engvall, Brian Johnson, Pauline Johnson, Verna Kvarnberg, Raul Nyroos, Peter Johnson, Ray and Doreen Nyroos, Glen and Audrey Eliasson.

The members who so graciously assisted by providing space for dance practices in their homes are: Sig Johnsons, Don Johnsons, Bert Watsons, Gordon Pearsons, Lill Taylor, Peter Johnsons, and the folk

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which it was shown, some people may have been frightened away feeling that our gymnastics are far above what the average person can take part in. However, we will try to get in front of the public. If we only gain a new, active member now and then, we feel we are winning.

And just one last reminder: Men's and Boys' Teams start again on Wednesday, January 3, 1962. Ladies' and Girls' Teams on Monday, January 8, 1962 — at the usual time.

SEE YOU AT THE OLIVER SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

It was with sadness that we went to pay our last respects on December 5th to our long-time friend, Erling Petersen.

The premature death of the president of our soccer club was a great blow to his family and many friends. Few people, other than the players themselves, realize the tremendous amount of work he was doing to help promote our national sport in this country. Six years ago when the club started, Erling was one of the main instigators, and I think it is safe to say that it was only through his efforts that the club continued to exist, and to do as well as it has done.

When at the end of the 1960 sea-

dancers also had the pleasure of dancing on the greens at Lennart Petersson's. They are grateful to these members for their kindness. A special thanks to Canadian Studios, as they arranged to accommodate the folk dancers several times. Last, but not least, they express their appreciation to the musicians: Lill Taylor, Raul Nyroos, Leonard Eliasson, Magnus Pearson and Roger Ogren.

It is not an easy task these folk dancers are trying to achieve, as now and then they get together and find we have no music. However, obstacles are overcome and their enthusiasm never fails. This problem should now be solved, as Skandia Lodge has provided us with a tape recorder.

With hope for continued congenial co-operation within our Order, Skandia wishes you all A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

son we were relegated to the second division, it was Erling who kept the club together and who coaxed the players into making an effort to win our way back into the first division. Last year we came within one point of making it. In 1962 we hope and trust we will be successful in achieving this goal which Erling had set for us and the club.

Erling's soccer activities were not limited to the Dania Soccer Club. During the years of organized soccer in this city he was active in the Edmonton District Football Association, lately as registrar, and I am sure he will be missed as much there as he surely will be in his own club.

All the players extend their deepest sympathy to Bitten, Ellis and Inger on their bereavement.

Scandipades, 1962

The Cultural Committee of the Scandinavian Centre have completed arrangement for this year's show. In a specially designed stage setting, highlights of Scandinavia in drama, music, song and dance will appear before you.

From the opening overture at 7:45 p.m., to the finals, your enthusiasm will grow, whether you are Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian or Swedish, or whether you are not Scandinavian at all.

We look forward to seeing you on January 20th at our beautiful Jubilee Auditorium.

The intelligence of the Almighty is not to be doubted but when we observe the ways of some of His mouthpieces we have ideas.

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3. If the Flight is confirmed by the Centre, I agree to pay the balance of \$230.00 prior to the 15th of April, 1962.
4. The Centre agrees to confirm the date of departure from Edmonton and the place of landing together with date of departure from such place by May 15th, 1962. The place of landing shall be the Capital of the Scandinavian country desired by the majority of those purchasing tickets, AND I AGREE to the decision of such majority. My preference is
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